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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the November/December edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research community. To be removed from this list send a reply with your email address in the subject line. For comments or questions, please visit:

<http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/html/contact_us/index.html>

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The National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice will be broadcasting a 3-hour videoconference that will provide information about NIC's initiative on statewide implementation of effective correctional management of offenders in the community. The presentation is intended to help correctional administrators develop plans and processes for organizational and system assessment, staff development and evaluation, program development and evaluation, and retrieval of information necessary to measure results. The broadcast date and time will be February 24th, 2004, 12:00 PM EST. For more information on this videoconference, see: <<http://www.nicic.org/Services>>

The current National Institute of Justice Journal includes an At-A-Glance article entitled, "Evaluating Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement Task Forces." The article reviews the findings of the authors, including insights gained from site visits. The journal can be located at:

<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/jr000250.pdf>>

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The Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) in Sacramento, California has released a final evaluation report of the Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) Program. The report, entitled "Evaluation of the California Child Abuse Treatment Program," presents evaluation findings from the CHAT program which was developed to fund direct services to abused and neglected children in counties that were not receiving funding or that were inadequately funded at the time the program began in October of 2000. This report is available at:

<http://www.ocjp.ca.gov/publications/chatfin.pdf>

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The Colorado Department of Public Safety has released a report entitled "Community Based Management Pilot Programs for Youth With Mental Illness Involved in the Criminal Justice System." The report describes a comprehensive process and outcome evaluation of pilot programs targeting youth with co-occurring mental health and criminal/juvenile justice involvement. This report is available at: http://dcj.state.co.us/ors/pdf/docs/AnnualReport2003_FINALR_4.pdf (October 2003)

With funding provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Center for Court Innovation, in collaboration with the New York State Unified Court System, has released a report evaluating the impact of six adult drug courts on recidivism. The report also discusses the characteristics of participants and features of the drug programs that increase the likelihood of successful drug court outcomes. The report, entitled "The New York State Adult Drug Court Evaluation: Policies, Participants, and Impacts," is available at: <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/whatsnew/pdf/YSAAdultDrugCourtEvaluation.pdf> (October 2003)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, in collaboration with the Justice Research Center (JRC), is sponsoring a series of workshops designed to train drug court coordinators in the use and customization of Access-based management information systems. The workshops will teach participants how to use JRC management information systems for adult and juvenile drug courts. Participants will learn how to adapt existing versions to the particular needs of their own courts and they will learn how to use MIS data for program monitoring and self-evaluation. The dates and locations for the workshops are:

February 23-25, 2004 in Monterey, California
March 29-31, 2004 in Washington, DC

For more information visit: <http://www.american.edu/justice/publications/MIStraining.pdf>

The Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Center for State Courts will be hosting interactive Drug Court Evaluation Training Workshops to assist drug courts in designing, planning, and implementing an evaluation of the operation and/or effectiveness of their program. The workshops will be held on the following dates:

January 15-16, 2004 in Kansas City, MO
February 2-3, 2004 in Washington, DC

February 23-24, 2004 in Louisville, KY
March 8-9 in San Francisco, CA

For more information visit: <http://www.american.edu/justice/publications/ncsc.pdf>

RECENT EVENTS

On October 28th, 2003, the National Center for State Courts' 8th National Court Technology Conference hosted a session to explore the use of performance measurement in court management. To view the session, visit: <http://mslive.sonicfoundry.com/Live/LiveViewer/FrontEnd/View.aspx?peid=c9bdc72e-0db3-4d59-adf5-a4855d8d6833>

RESOURCES

For more information about evaluation visit: <<http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/index.html>>

To review a bibliography of selected resources on evaluation concepts for practitioners compiled by The Northeast Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and Social Science Research and Evaluation, visit:
< <http://www.northeastcapt.org/PRODUCTS/other/evalbib.html>>

To review The International Consortium for the Advancement of Academic Publications' information on how to conduct evaluations, including approaches, manuals and guides, visit Section II of the following:
<http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/books.htm>

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